

FARMERS WILL VOTE
TO RETAIN DISTRICT

Commercial Club Hears Favorable Reports From Rural School Meetings.

OPPOSERS ARE FEW

Explanation of Ballot Is Urged—Mass Meeting to Be Saturday.

Farmers and townsmen agreed in predicting an overwhelming vote to retain the Columbia Special Road District next Tuesday. Today was Farmers' Day at the Commercial Club luncheon at the Virginia Grill, and representatives from various parts of the district were called upon to give their opinion of the sentiment on the road question. E. Sidney Stephens, chairman of the committee to oppose abolition of the district, presided.

P. M. Pace, who had charge of the meeting at the Carlisle Schoolhouse Tuesday, thinks it would be a step backward to go against the district now. "I have not found one man against retaining it," he said. "We can't have good roads if we divide up into little districts."

P. H. Murry reported on the sentiment expressed by the men who met at the Bank Schoolhouse. "I don't think there is a single vote against it there," he said.

Luther Hickam said that there was only a small crowd out at the meeting at Bethel Schoolhouse, but that if there is a vote against the proposition there he does not know of it.

Two "Kickers" Are Reported.

J. L. Dodd reported that there were two "kickers" at the Vawter Schoolhouse meeting who were not satisfied with the way the money was spent. "I don't think more than two would be against the district, if they would," he concluded.

Browns had previously reported that only one out of twenty-six at the meeting favored the petition to do away with the district.

W. M. McMickle said that the sentiment at the Strawn Schoolhouse was in favor of continuance, and that there would probably not be one vote against it.

"I have not talked to one man against continuing it," Joe Hickam of Zaring Schoolhouse district told those present. "Our commissioners are doing well in keeping the roads in repair."

Robert Turner reported everyone in favor of continuing the district near Bryson Schoolhouse.

W. D. Powell, of McBaine, said, "We feel that the Columbia district is the mother of ours. We have done some very good work, but have not done so well as you have. Very few men there favor doing away with Columbia's district."

Says 95 Per cent Are Favorable.

R. L. Hill and E. C. Anderson were asked to give the sentiment of Columbians. Mr. Hill estimated that 95 per cent of the votes cast would be for continuing the district. Mr. Anderson warned those who favored it against overconfidence.

J. W. Schwabe declared that Columbia has the best road district in the state because it has a gang constructing roads and another repairing them. "Town and country are together on propositions that interest both," he said. "This town belongs to the farmers just as much as it belongs to us. The books are open to any citizen in the district to come in and examine," he said further. Mr. Schwabe predicted that there would not be 200 votes against retaining the district.

Mr. Stephens asked everyone present to explain the proposition to all voters. It is his opinion that there will be little opposition if every voter understands what he is voting on. He announced the mass meeting at the courthouse at 1:30 p. m. Saturday and asked that all who were in favor of the petition be present.

Ray County Club Will Entertain.

The Ray County Club met last night and made final arrangements to entertain the Richmond High School football team during its stay in Columbia. The team will be here from Thursday afternoon until Sunday, remaining for the Texas game on Rollins Field Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Muns to Tell How to Bandage.

Mrs. W. E. Muns will give a practical demonstration of bandaging before the University group of Campfire girls at 4:30 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon in Room 209, Academic Hall.

THE CALENDAR

Nov. 1.—Lecture by Dr. Powers at 7:30 p. m. in University Auditorium.
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Nov. 2.—Lecture by Dr. Powers at 7:30 p. m. in University Auditorium.
Nov. 3.—Lecture in the University Auditorium by Dr. H. H. Powers, 2 o'clock.
Nov. 3.—Faculty Union Smoker for Dr. H. H. Powers.
Nov. 3.—Judge T. L. Anderson speaks at the courthouse, 1 o'clock.
Nov. 3.—Lecture by Dr. Powers at 2 p. m. in University Auditorium.
Nov. 3.—Football—Richmond H. S. vs. Columbia H. S. at Columbia.
Nov. 4.—M men's "Get-together Banquet," Union Building, 6:30.
Nov. 4.—Annual Homecoming Day; Football, Texas University at Columbia.
Nov. 6.—Recital by Miss Agnes Husband head of vocal department at Stephens College in the College Auditorium at 8:15. No admission charged.
Nov. 10, 11.—Fred H. Rindge, Y. M. C. A. secretary, visits the University.
Nov. 11.—Football, class championship.
Nov. 12.—Phi Mu Alpha, concert in the University Auditorium.
Nov. 13.—Bazaar of the Mothers' Club of the Benton School.
Nov. 26-28.—Annual meeting Missouri Conference for Social Welfare in University Auditorium.

FORT VAUX EVACUATED

French Now Have Possession of Last Verdun Defense Held by Teutons.

BERLIN, Nov. 2.—Fort Vaux, on the northeastern front of Verdun, has been evacuated by the German troops, it was officially announced this afternoon.

"The artillery engagements on the eastern bank of the Meuse increased to great intensity," said the war office. "The French directed an especially heavy destructive fire against Fort Vaux, which had already been evacuated during the night by our troops, after a given order and without being disturbed by the enemy. Important parts of the fort were blasted by us before withdrawal."

Fort Vaux was the last of the Verdun forts remaining in the hands of the Teutons, Fort Douaumont having been recaptured by the French in their recent offensive. United Press dispatches from the Verdun front Saturday night declared that Fort Vaux was surrounded on three sides by the French, whose artillery was ringing the forest with fire, cutting off supplies to the Germans. Vaux was captured by the Germans June 6 after a terrific battle. It occupies a strong position on the summit of a hill, and the French had repeatedly repulsed storming attacks up its steep sides. Its evacuation by the Germans came on the 25th day of the great struggle at Verdun.

ALEXANDER TO MANAGE FARM

Vocal Teacher Will Move To Illinois In December.

Kelley L. Alexander, for six years a vocal teacher in Columbia, three years at Christian College and three years at his studio in the Thilo Building, will become a farmer. He is going to Golden, Ill., about the middle of December to manage a large farm belonging to his parents. He also will have charge of another farm. Mr. Alexander says he has been contemplating this move for the last ten years. His family will go with him. "I am going to cultivate crops and not voices," said Mr. Alexander today. He has traded his residence at 1417 Rosemary line to T. K. Catron for rented property in the north part of town, and will remain here until Christmas.

Before coming to Columbia, Mr. Alexander was director of music in Lombard College, Galesburg, Ill.

AMENDMENT CONFUSES VOTERS

Many Persons Think Clause Is for Suffrage, Not Prohibition.

Mrs. C. P. Algeo, chairman of the publicity committee of the W. C. T. U., says many voters are confused regarding the third constitutional amendment, thinking it is a suffrage clause instead of a state-wide prohibition amendment. "We are desirous of overcoming this error," she says, "and we urge the voters to cross 'no' and vote 'yes' on this amendment." The W. C. T. U. is distributing circulars with a map of Missouri showing the eighty-five dry counties; fourteen, partially dry and fifteen, including St. Louis, which are wet.

American Aviator Killed in Russia.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 2.—Tony Jannus, of St. Louis, a famous young American aviator, was killed yesterday in Russia where he was working with the Curtis aeroplane forces under contract with the Russian government, making machines for use in the war.

QUESTION OF ARMING
STEAMERS UP AGAIN

Sinking of Marina Reopens Controversy Left Unsettled on Lusitania.

TWO VIEWS DIFFER

U. S. Says Guns Are Permissible—Germany Fails to Accept This Idea.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Reopening of the entire armed merchantman controversy between this Government and Germany is certain if it is proved the British steamer Marina was armed at the time she was sunk by a German submarine, statements of Secretary Lansing indicated this afternoon.

Whether merchantmen have a right to arm for defense is still an open question between this Government and Germany, the secretary admitted. This question will be the principal one if negotiations develop with Germany over the death of six Americans on board the Marina, it was stated.

While this Government has maintained the right of merchantmen to arm for defense, Germany has never admitted it. The question first arose when the Lusitania was sunk. The United States has insisted that merchantmen may arm with any guns not more than six inches in caliber. When discussion of this point arose during the Lusitania negotiations the State Department suggested that the Lusitania was unarmed.

Without a recession by the United States from its position or an admission by Germany that merchantmen might arm, the question was permitted to lapse.

Secretary Lansing said the right of merchantmen to arm is still a mooted question, there has been no decision on it. Germany is expected to maintain that armed merchantmen were not included in her pledges to the United States.

EXPECTS TO UNLOAD

Deutschland Captain Confident, But U. S. Officials Confer—Town Aroused.

By United Press
NEW LONDON, Conn., Nov. 2.—Smiling Captain Koenig, skipper of the German submarine freighter Deutschland, thought today he would be able to unload his \$10,000,000 cargo without interference from the United States. He claimed there was no hitch about this, but Collector of the Port McGovern evidently thought differently, for he hastened to Hartford to confer with Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, presumably about the known vessels and the stocks and bonds said to be aboard.

Sleepy New London is wider awake now than it has been since the day the British sneaked up the channel, captured the fort and slew the brave American commander.

Captain Koenig and his crew are cheered every time they appear on the streets. The 16-year-old member of the crew, with several sturdy fellow members, had to fight their way out of an admiring crowd of women when they appeared on the streets today. They hedged out only after they had signed photographs of their boat.

New Alley Back of Hall Theater.

A concrete alley is being built between the Hall Theater and the Gordon Hotel Building, extending from Cherry street back as far as the Hudson Garage. F. W. Niedermeyer and Tom C. Hall, owner of the Hall Theater and the adjoining lot on Ninth street, are making the improvement.

MISSOURI DOUBTFUL? TAKE YOUR CHOICE

(By E. A. Remley, Chairman, Local Republican Committee)

I believe that Hughes will carry Missouri by 10,000 to 15,000 votes and Lamm will be elected governor by a 25,000 majority. If Hughes carries Missouri, of course, he will be the next president. A larger vote will be cast in Boone County Tuesday than ever before and it will show a big increase in the Republican column. Missouri has been a Republican state in Presidential elections for twelve years and an increasing vote has been polled for the party each year since 1904.

REPORTS NO DANGER
AT STEWART BRIDGE

Committee Recommends Repairs—Finds Structure Is Safe, Though.

NEW FLOOR NEEDED

Mayor Says City Will Eventually Build Concrete Culvert.

That Stewart Road bridge is not "immediately dangerous" but is badly in need of repair is the report of a committee including members of the City Council and John Silver, assistant city engineer, who inspected the structure Tuesday.

"After inspecting the bridge we found that the tie-rods should be tightened," said Prof. O. D. Kellogg, member of the city council. "One of the supporting timbers is out of line so that the floor of the bridge at the west approach sinks perceptibly under the weight of passing vehicles. This can be remedied by inserting a timber between the support and bridge floor."



Showing the Condition of the Flooring on the Stewart Road Bridge.

"The floor is also badly in need of repair but the council does not feel that they can spend seven or eight hundred dollars for a new floor, at this time. It is my opinion that the bridge is not dangerous but merely needs a thorough overhauling."

Mayor J. M. Batterton acknowledges the need of a new bridge but says that the present structure can be made to serve until the city administration can see its way clear to invest money in a new project.

"Of course we ought to have a new and artistic structure as a gateway to Westmount, but I do not feel that we can put another bond issue up to the voters at present," he said. "After the recent school bond issue I feel that we should not ask for more bonds immediately."

Approaches Being Strengthened.

"I think that we can repair the old bridge and make it do until the time comes when we will be able to build a handsome structure. We have already dumped tons of dirt beneath the wooden approaches and for fifty feet at the east end of the bridge the dirt reaches the floor. It is our intention to fill in under the approaches and eventually build a concrete culvert over the railroad tracks. This will eliminate the wooden sections of the bridge which are giving us all the trouble. We are urging all contractors to dump the dirt from building excavations under the bridge. We have cut trap doors in the floor for that purpose."

John Silver, acting city engineer, declares there is no need of apprehension because of the noise caused by vehicles passing over the structure.

"A light bridge of this type is bound to make considerable noise," he said. "This, however, is not an indication that it is unsafe. The tie-rods will knock together and the vibration will spread to all parts of the structure. Perhaps there are a few bolts and

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THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Fair tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature.

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Weather Conditions.
It is raining this morning along the North Pacific coast, and the weather is somewhat unsettled in Quebec, Canada, but otherwise fine weather prevails in the United States, and in southern Canada.

Temperatures have not changed materially; and generally approximate the seasonal averages everywhere.

In Columbia the present weather will continue for the next thirty-six hours or more.

Local Data.
The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 75, and the lowest last night was 38; precipitation, 0.00; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday, 20 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 70, and the lowest 43; precipitation, .00.

The Temperatures Today.
7 a. m. 38 11 a. m. 59
8 a. m. 42 12 m. 64
9 a. m. 49 1 p. m. 66

PARADE ROUTE IS ANNOUNCED

Starts at 10 o'clock Saturday at Gym—Ends at Union Building.

The route of the Homecoming parade as announced today follows: Starting at the gymnasium it will go west on Rollins street to Missouri avenue thence north to Conley, east

HOME OF A. V. BAYLEY
IS PARTLY DESTROYED

Fire of Unknown Origin Burns Roof and Second Floor.

OWNED BY W. E. HAYS

Flame Had Gained Headway Before Being Discovered By a Student.

A fire of unknown origin partly destroyed the home of the Rev. A. V. Bayley, 409 South Fifth street about 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, burning the roof and part of the second floor and damaging a vacant house of Harvey Coons next door. Practically all of the furniture except that in one room was safely removed and the loss is covered by insurance. The house is owned by M. E. Hays, former University student and now teaching at Texas University.

The Reverend Bayley did not know of the fire until practically all of the roof had been destroyed. He was sitting in the house reading when W. L. Blenden, a student in the University who was attending class in the Manual Arts Building, saw the flames and spread the alarm. Mr. Blenden and other students were on the scene and had already removed a large part of the furniture before the fire department arrived.

When the fire department came the fire had already spread to the Coons house next door, but the firemen quickly extinguished both blazes and safely removed the rest of the furniture except a few pieces in one room on the second floor of the Bayley home.

Mrs. Carrie Bennett and her son and Miss Alice Sutherland, all students in the University, room at the Bayley home. They were not at home at the time of the fire.

"I do not know how the fire started," said the Reverend Bayley, "but I think a defective flue may have caused it. It is the first time we have had a fire in sixty years. The water pressure was much better than usual and the firemen did excellent work in putting out the blaze so quickly. The house is insured, but I don't know for how much."

TO RAISE LAUNDRY PRICES

The Columbia Branches To Charge 3 Cents for Collars.

The laundries in Columbia will raise the prices on the laundering of collars November 6 from two and half cents apiece to three cents apiece.

"Because of the increase in the cost of supplies such as soap, bluing—which has gone from \$4 a pound to \$25 a pound—paper boxes, twine and the increase in salaries, it is necessary that all laundries increase their prices," says J. S. Milburn of one of the laundries. "The increase has been applied to collars because they constitute the greatest part of the business and as the bundles are usually small, the increase would not be noticed so much. As far as we can tell now, there will not be an increase on any other laundry work."

"The increase has been applied to collars because a good many persons, both town and students, send their laundry, with the exception of collars, out of town," says C. C. McCullough, manager of another laundry.

TEXAS CAN'T PLAY 4-YEAR MEN

M. V. Conference Rollings Will Keep Two Out Saturday.

Texas' four-year men will not compete against the Tigers on Rollins Field Saturday. Missouri Valley Conference rules prohibit members of the conference competing against schools which do not comply with conference regulations.

PRESTON, TIGER GUARD, INJURED

Coach Schulte Says He Hopes To Have Star In Saturday's Game.

William C. Preston, Tiger guard, is out of the game temporarily. He is undergoing treatment for a blood clot at the Parker Memorial Hospital this afternoon. Coach Schulte says that he hopes to have Preston in shape for Saturday's game with the Texas Longhorns.

The Tiger coach says that the injury is not serious.

Globe Sold to Chain Store Company.

The Globe Clothing Company, 807 Broadway, was sold today to A. Eisenstein and Company of Moberly. I. Enoch, proprietor, has been advised by doctors to change his business. The purchasing company has chain stores in Moberly, Warrenton and Sedalia. It has signed a lease for five years on the building in which the Globe is located.

Not Mrs. Burnett's Sister.

Mrs. Guy Burnett, 609 Range Line, who was awaiting news yesterday from St. Louis as to whether or not the girl who committed suicide was her sister, received a telegram last night from her sister, Miss Ruth Robinson, informing her of the mistake.